



COSPONSORED LEGISLATION

110th Congress

Border Security & Illegal Immigration

H.R.3494, Charlie Norwood CLEAR Act of 2007 – Provides authority for local police departments to enforce immigration law, improves information sharing between the feds and local police, requires the feds to remove and deport criminal aliens, increases federal resources for local governments who choose to enforce immigration law, and reduces federal resources to local governments who provide sanctuary to violent criminal aliens.

- Sponsor: Rep. Blackburn (R-TN)
- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 2542, Border Law Enforcement Enhancement Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to make \$150 million in grants starting in FY08 and each succeeding year to hire, train, and equip local law enforcement officials within 25 miles of the southern border of the United States to assist in the crime and support to the federal government as a result of illegal immigration.

- Sponsor: Rep. Rodriguez (D-TX)
- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 2954, Secure Borders FIRST (For Integrity, Reform, Safety, and Anti-Terrorism) Act of 2007 - Provides for full enforcement of existing laws, stronger border security, worksite enforcement, temporary agriculture guest worker program, English as the official language.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)
- Status: House Judiciary Committee, House Homeland Security Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, House Education and Labor Committee, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

H.Res. 499 - Expresses the sense of the House that the Administration should rigorously enforce the laws of the U.S. to substantially reduce illegal immigration and greatly improve border security.

- Sponsor: Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)

- Status: House Judiciary Committee, House Financial Services Committee, House Homeland Security Committee

H.R. 1355, Scott Gardner Act - Makes DWI convictions grounds for mandatory detention and deportation of illegal aliens. Requires state and local law enforcement to collect immigration information when investigating these crimes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Myrick (R-NC)

- Status: House Judiciary Committee & House Homeland Security Committee

H.R. 1940, Birthright Citizenship Act - Considers a person born in the United States "subject to the jurisdiction" of the United States for citizenship at birth purposes if the person is born in the United States of parents, one of whom is: (1) a U.S. citizen or national; (2) a lawful permanent resident alien whose residence is in the United States; or (3) an alien performing active service in the armed forces.

- Sponsor: Rep. Deal (R-GA)

- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 1430, SAFE for America Act - Eliminates the diversity immigrant visa lottery.

- Sponsor: Rep. Goodlatte (R-VA)

- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.Amdt.374 to H.R. 2764 – No federal funds may be used by the State Department to violate laws that require them to deny visas to nationals of countries that don't accept individuals the U.S. is trying to deport back to them.

- Sponsor: Rep. Tancredo (R-CO)

- Status: Passed House

H.R. 2109, Empowering our Local Communities Act of 2007 - Imposes a minimum mandatory prison term of five years and a maximum term of 40 years on any illegal alien who commits manslaughter while operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Authorizes states to detain criminal aliens after the completion of their prison sentences to effectuate their transfer to federal custody.

- Sponsor: Rep. Drake (R-VA)

- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 2086 – Authorizes funds that the Department of Homeland Security can use to reimburse state and local communities who participate in the 287(g) program, a program that allows state and local law enforcement to get training and certification by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials to enforce federal immigration laws. Note: currently there is money for training, this bill allows funds to be used for travel to and from these training sessions, lodging, food, and other expenses while these officers are away.

- Sponsor: Rep. David Davis (R-TN)

- Status: House Homeland Security & House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 480 - Prohibits credit for mortgages to any consumer who lacks a Social Security account number. This bill is aimed at illegals who often can obtain mortgages at banks.

- Sponsor: Rep. Doolittle (R-CA)
- Status: House Financial Services

H.Res. 351 - Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that Federal authorities should strengthen and vigorously enforce all existing immigration laws.

- Sponsor: Rep. Sullivan (R-OK)
- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 2109, Empowering our Local Communities Act of 2007 – Requires a mandatory 5-40 year prison sentence for any illegal alien who commits manslaughter while driving intoxicated. Makes it a misdemeanor to be illegally present in the U.S. Provides \$650 million to continue and expand the institutional removal program, which identifies criminal illegal aliens in our prisons, ensures they aren't released into society, and removes them from the U.S. after the completion of their sentences. Provides \$40 million in FY08 for the 287(g) program, that trains state and local law enforcement in federal immigration law so they may enforce federal immigration law in their communities.

- Sponsor: Thelma Drake (R-VA)
- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.Res. 351 – Encourages federal authorities to vigorously enforce all existing immigration laws. Encourages the end of sanctuary policies by having state and local law enforcement report all immigration violations to the Department of Homeland Security. Calls on the federal government to encourage and support state and local law enforcement who want to help assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws. Expresses that the U.S. is a nation of laws and they must be enforced to ensure the integrity of our immigration system.

- Sponsor: John Sullivan (R-OK)
- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 480 – Prohibits banking institutions from approving mortgages for a primary residence to any person without a valid Social Security number. Since all people legally allowed to work in the U.S. have a Social Security number and all who have mortgages must have a job, this bill targets illegals.

- Sponsor: John Doolittle
- Status: House Financial Services

H.R. 2086 – Allows the Department of Homeland Security to reimburse state and local law enforcement agencies who participate in the 287(g) program. 287(g) is a program that trains state and local law enforcement in federal immigration law so they may enforce federal immigration law in their communities. While money is currently available to these law enforcement agencies for training, this bill would allow money for all costs incurred by traveling to and from these training locations and reimbursements for replacement officers while these officers are training.

- Sponsor: Rep. David Davis (R-TN)
- Status: House Homeland Security and House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 2250 - None of the sums appropriated in any Act of Congress shall be used or made available to pay any claim against the United States by Osvaldo Aldrete-Davila arising out of the conduct of Ignacio Ramos, Jose Alonso Compean, or any other person engaging in duties as an employee of the Government on February 17, 2005.

- Sponsor: Rep. Michael McCaul (R-TX)

- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 1811, Maritime Law Enforcement Improvement Act of 2007 - Would give the Coast Guard greater authority to apprehend and prosecute maritime smugglers of illegal immigrants into the United States. Would make illegal immigrant smuggling or the conspiracy or attempt to smuggle immigrants into the United States a felony under federal law. Under current law, immigrant smuggling is only a felony if the smuggler seeks commercial advantage or private financial gain, or seriously harms or endangers an individual. Would also give the Coast Guard extraterritorial jurisdiction outside of U.S. waters to gather evidence and conduct investigations in order to apprehend and prosecute immigrant smugglers.

- Sponsor: Steven LaTourette

- Status: House Transportation and Infrastructure, and House Judiciary Committees

H.R. 1909- Increases the number of Federal judgeships in certain judicial districts with heavy caseloads of criminal immigration cases.

- Sponsor: Henry Cuellar (D-TX)

- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 1342, Secure Entry Act - Suspends the visa waiver program until the Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to Congress that the automated entry-exit control system is fully implemented and functional, all U.S. ports of entry have functional biometric machine readers and all nonimmigrants, including Border Crossing Card holders, are processed through the automated entry-exit control system.

- Sponsor: Phil Gingrey

- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.R. 1314, Photo Identification Security Act - Restricts the forms of identification that may be accepted by the federal government or by financial institutions to a Social Security card accompanied by a photo identification card issued by the federal or a state government, a driver's license or identification card issued by a state that is in compliance with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (i.e. one that verifies legal presence), a passport issued by the United States or a foreign government, and a photo identification card issued by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

- Sponsor: Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

- Status: House Oversight and Government Reform & House Financial Services Committees

H.R. 997, English Language Unity Act - Declares English to be the official language of the United States. Requires official governmental functions at all levels of government be conducted in English.

- Sponsor: Steve King (R-IA)

- Status: House Judiciary and House Education and Labor Committees

H.R. 939 – Gives authority to the National Guard or Reserves to assist the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security in border security.

- Sponsor: Virgil Goode

- Status: House Armed Services and House Homeland Security Committees

H.R. 563, Congressional Pardon for Border Patrol Agents Ramos and Compean Act – Orders the criminal convictions and sentences of Border Patrol Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean be vacated and release them from prison. Prohibits any further criminal prosecution or other proceedings against the agents. Requires DHS to examine the rules of engagement and pursuit policy of Border Patrol agents.

- Sponsor: Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA)

- Status: House Judiciary and House Homeland Security Committees

H.Con.Res. 37 - Expresses the sense of Congress that Border Patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean should be pardoned.

- Sponsor: Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO)

- Status: House Judiciary Committee

H.Res. 18 - Expresses disapproval by the House of Representatives of the “Totalization” agreement signed between the Commissioner of Social Security in the United States and the Director General of the Social Security Institute in Mexico on June 29, 2004, which if approved would entitle illegal immigrants to claim U.S. Social Security benefits for work performed illegally if they became legal at some later date.

- Sponsor: Rep. Virgil Goode (R-VA)

- Status: House Ways and Means Committee

H.R. 279, Social Security Totalization Agreement Reform Act of 2007 – Requires a joint resolution passed by Congress to approve any “Totalization” agreement with any foreign nation.

- Sponsor: Rep. Barbara Cubin (R-WY)

- Status: House Ways and Means and Rules Committees

H.R. 332 – Does not allow wages earned by illegal immigrants to count for Social Security benefits should they become legalized.

- Sponsor: Rep. John Carter (R-TX)

- Status: House Ways and Means Committees

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